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§5–606.

(a) (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee shall maintain the statements submitted under this subtitle and, during normal office hours, make the statements available to the public for examination and copying.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee may charge a reasonable fee and adopt administrative procedures for the examination and copying of a statement.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, for statements submitted on or after January 1, 2019, the Ethics Commission shall make freely available to the public on the Internet, through an online registration program, a financial disclosure statement required under § 5–601(a) of this subtitle and a preliminary disclosure required under § 5–602(c) of this subtitle that is filed by:

(i) a State official;

(ii) a candidate for office as a State official; or

(iii) a Secretary of a principal department in the Executive Branch.

(3) The Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee may not provide public access to a portion of a statement that is filed after January 1, 2019, and that includes an individual's home address that the individual has identified as the individual's home address.

(b) (1) The Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee shall maintain a record of:

(i) the name and home address of each individual who examines or copies a statement under this section; and

(ii) the name of the individual whose statement was examined or copied.

(2) On the request of the individual whose statement was examined or copied, the Ethics Commission or the Joint Ethics Committee shall forward to that individual a copy of the record specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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